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The Mint Master

Pictured above is the unique newly discovered 1881-O branch mint proof recently sold by Stacks. The selling price was $660,000 in November of 2024. It is graded PCGS Proof 64 CAC CMQ.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE — May 2024

Casey Hackford-Peer

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Happy May!

Last month was one of the most interesting presentations we've had in a little while. I'm very grateful that Jim was able to come out and present to the club about Rust Rare Coins. Thank you to those of you who showed up and I hope you found it as interesting as I did.

This coming month is going to be a hybrid month. We will be having both the 2025 club medal voting and a bourse night. So, make sure to bring both a design you want to share with the club and stuff you want to sell.

See everyone then!

Thank You

Casey Hackford-Peer

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Meeting , May 13, 2025, 7PM

Meeting location

Columbus Center—2530 South 500 East—Salt Lake City UT

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1880 SHIELD NICKEL—PROOF OR MINTSTATE

Douglas Nyholm

The 1880 Shield Nickel is somewhat an enigma when it coms to grading Mint State and Proof examples. Only three dies were produced in 1880 for use in striking nickels and two of them were used to strike both Proof and Mint State coins.

The 1880 Shield nickels is a rarity in any condition with only 16,000 circulation coins struck while just 3,955 Proof examples created. In David Bowers "Red Book" on Sheild and Liberty nickels he estimates the survival rate for circulation strikes graded AU-59 and lower to be 300-600 while MS-60 and higher estimated at 100-120 survivors. He also estimates Proof examples extant to be from 3,100 to 3,400 indicating a relatively high survival rate for Proofs. The total MS examples estimated to survive is approsamently a high of about 720. For this reason most collectors will probably acquire a Proof example for their collection. Another reason is that a Proof-65 example lists for $900. On the other hand, a MS-60 example lists for $18.000 while a MS-63 comes in at $36,000!

Now here's where it becomes a bit sticky. Both Bowers and John Dannreuther in his book on "US Proof Coins, Volume II: Nickel" discussed that many mint state 1880 nickels are holdered in Proof slabs while

some proof 1880 nickels are holdered in mint state slabs. Even the experts are more than sometimes incorrect with their grading. One can easily understand this due to the low mintages and survival rates and the use of dies to strike both proof and circulations coins. I shudder to think if you were to spend $30,000 on a mint state coin in a slab and were later to discover that it was actually a proof worth only $1,000.

JD-2 Obverse/MS use *MS reverse with die chip*

Don't blame the grading services completely as this discrepancy is very difficult to determine and even now with more enhanced diagnostics, the experts are still not in 100% agreement on the die markers.

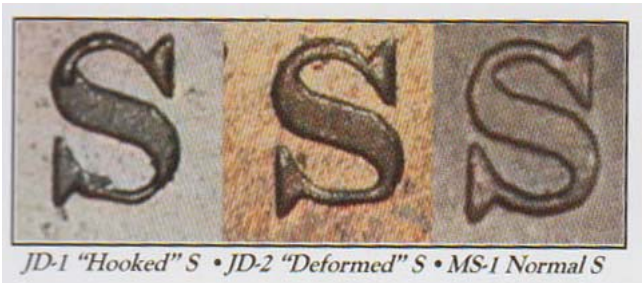
John Dannreuther does a very good job with descriptions and photos shown here and in his book, which will be discussed in detail from both his book and David Bowers book.

The problem remains in determing how to identify a Circulation strike from a Proof. As stated there were only two die pairs used to strike both Proof and circulation coins and most experts state that only one of the die pairs was used to strike circulation strikes.

Which die pair is still a subject of debate however the general consensus for circulation examples has the fol lowing die markers.

MS-1 Spike from dentils • Longacre doubling on stars for the MS reverse and JD-2 PR reverse

1. A blemish under the T in STATES. This is possibly a die defect or die rust.
2. A small spike protruding from the denticles from below th T in CENTS
3. A normal S in Cents. The pictured Hooked and Deformed S are generally associated with Proof examples
4. Later states of the JD-1 die were probably used for circulation strikes. A Lump in the center of the center leaf exists only on those thought to be circulation strikes. It is located in the center leaf of the second group from top right.


JD-1 "Hooked" S • JD-2 "Deformed" S • MS-1 Normal S

Finally, David Bowers lists the following tips to use when examining 1880 nickels.

1. Are the rims wide and flat (Proof strike), or do they have a beveled transition (Circ strike) to the coin surfaces?
2. Does the coin show mirrored (Proof) survaces?
3. Does the coin show frosty luster (Circ) on its surfaces?
4. Are the transitions of the devices to the field sharp and right-angled (Proof) or gently curved (Circulation)?
5. Are the vein details of the laurel leaves fully brought up (Proof) or is there some weakness (Circulation strike)?
6. Are the horizontal lines of the shield fully brought up (Proof) or is there some weakness (Circulation)?
7. Are there obvious die lines on the coin (Circulation)?

In conclusion, there is no 100% consensus and buyer beware when purchasing a circulation example of an 1880 Shield nickel. The ugliest Proof example may be marketed as a circulation strike.

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1866 Shield Nickel. Rays.
JD-1. Rarity-3-.
Proof-67 Cameo (NGC).

1913 Buffalo Nickel. Type II.
MS-67+ (PCGS). CAC.

1897-O Barber Quarter.
MS-67 (NGC).

1811 Capped Bust Half Dollar. O-106.
Rarity-2. Small 8. MS-65 (NGC).

1938 Walking Liberty Half Dollar.
Proof-68 (PCGS).

1885-CC Morgan Silver Dollar.
MS-67 (PCGS).

1921 Morgan Silver Dollar.
MS-64 DMPL (PCGS).

1893-O Liberty Head Half Eagle.
Winter-1. MS-63+ (PCGS).

1852-O Liberty Head Double Eagle.
Winter-1. AU-58 (NGC).

1909-O Indian Half Eagle.
MS-60 (PCGS).

1871-CC Liberty Head Eagle.
AU-53 (NGC).

1863 Liberty Head Double Eagle.
AU-58 (PCGS).

1893-CC Liberty Head Double Eagle.
MS-61 (PCGS).

1851 Augustus Humbert $50. Reeded Edge. K-5.
Rarity-4. 880 THOUS., Target Reverse.
MS-62 (NGC).

1908 Saint-Gaudens Double Eagle. Motto.
MS-65 (PCGS).

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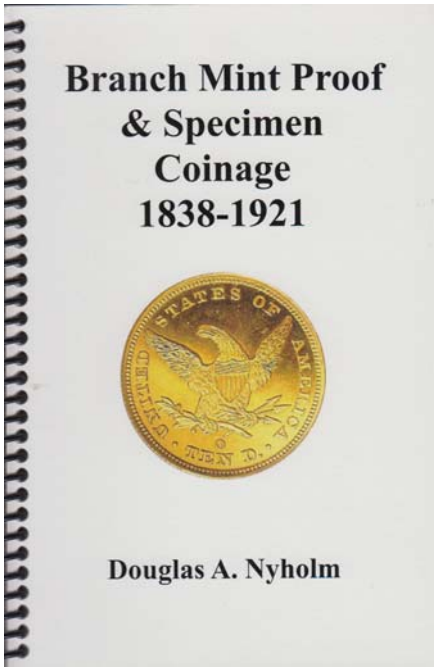
BRANCH MINT PROOF AND SPECIMEN COINAGEE FROM THE 19TH CENTURY

Doug Nyholm

The following coins were discussed in my previous work.



1838-O Half Dollar	PCGS Proof
1839-O Half Dollar	NGC Proof
1839-O Dime	NGC Specimen
1843-D Half Eagle	NGC Specimen
1844-O Eagle	NGC Proof
1844-O Half Eagle	Confirmed
1851-O 3 Cent silver	NGC Specimen
1851-O Dollar	Unconfirmed Status
1852-O Half Dollar	NGC & PCGS Proof
1852-O Eagle	NGC Specimen
1853-O Eagle	Unconfirmed
1854-O Half Dollar	NGC Specimen
1854-S Double Eagle	Smithsonian
1855-S Quarter	NGC Proof
1855-S Half Dollar	NGC Proof
1855-S $3 Gold	NGC Proof
1856-O Double Eagle	NGC Specimen
1861-O Half Dollar	NGC Spec / ANACS Proof
1875-S Twenty Cent	PCGS Proof
1876-CC Dime	PCGS Proof
1876-CC Half Dollar	Unconfirmed
1879-O Dollar	PCGS & NCG Proof
1882-CC Dollar	NGC Specimen
1883-O Dollar	PCGS Proof
1883-CC Dollar	NGC Proof
1884-O Dollar	NGC Specimen
1884-CC Dollar	PCGS & NGC Proof
1885-CC Dollar	NGC Proof
1891-O Dime	NGC Proof
1891-O Quarter	ANACS Proof
1892-O Dime	PCGS & NGC Specimen
1892-O Quarter	Unconfirmed
1892-O Half	NGC Specimen
1893-CC Dollar	PCGS & NGC Proof
1893-O Quarter	Unconfirmed
1894-S Dime	PCGS & NGC Proof
1895-O Half Dollar	NGC Specimen
1895-O Dollar	NGC Proof & Specimen
1898-S Quarter	Unconfirmed
1906-D Dime	NGC Specimen
1906-D Double Eagle	PCGS Specimen
1907-D Double Eagle	NGC Proof
1921-S Morgan Dollar	PCGS Proof

The subject of this article is “Branch Mint” Proof and Specimen coinage. These coins are very rare with the largest estimated mintage of any issue being 24 coins, that being the documented mintage of the 1921-S Zerbe Proof Morgan Dollar of which only 4 or 5 can be traced today. There are a number of issues with documented mintages of 12 coins but the vast majority of these very elusive and special coins which have no documented mintages and many are known by a single example, others with just 2 or 3 coins known. Obviously, with mintages and survival rates this small these Branch Mint Proofs, or as some have referred to them as ‘The Caviar of Coins,” few collectors and even many knowledgeable numismatists have had the opportunity to examine one, let alone own or purchase one. In modern times virtually all examples which have sold have done so at major auctions. When offered for sale it is not unusual for examples to attain sales figures into the 6 digits, one very famous one, the 1894-S dime has surpassed the million dollar barrier multiple times.

Walter Breen in his Encyclopedia of United States and Colonial Proof coins 1722-1989 listed multiple additional coins which are presently not verified or certified by any serv ice. These may or may not exist as Proofs or Specimens but are listed here for accuracy.

New Orleans 1844-O Dime / 1845-O Half / 1851-O Half / 1854-O Quarter Eagle / 1856-O Half Dime / 1857-O Half Dime / 1859-O Dollar / 1860-O Half Dime /1860-O Dollar / 1890-O Dollar / 1891-O Dollar / 1892-O Dollar / 1895-O Quarter / 1898-O Half / 1899-O Quarter **San Francisco** 1870-S Dollar / 1870-S Gold Dollar / 1871-S Dime / 1871-S Half / 1895-S Dollar / 1899-S Half Eagle **Carson City** 1870-CC Dollar / 1871-CC Half / 1892-CC Dollar / **Denver** 1906-D Eagle

Walter Breen was an expert Numismatist and excellent researcher, however today some of his observations have many experts not if full agreement with his findings. Possibly time may prove some of his obvertations to be correct or not.

I am not going to attempt to create a pedigree of all these coins, or list all the known die characteristics, as many have been documented within the numismatic community, but rather the goal of this article is to assemble a list of those coins which are generally accepted to be Proofs or Specimens. Considering their rarity and lack of general research and documentation it is very possible that additional specimens may come to light. Most of those included herein have been certified and offered at one time for public or private sale. There are also notable examples which are included but to my knowledge have never been certified or publically sold. A well-known exception is the 1854-S Double Eagle. Presently presiding in the Smithsonian it is an example of a coin which is widely accepted to be a Proof or 'Special Strike' which is uncertified and likely never will be.

For one who is interested in these rarities they cannot be found listed in the 'Red Book,' only two examples are listed in the Red Book which are the 1838-O half dollar and the 1894-S Barber Dime. Trends or virtually any published price lists, and are seldom referred to in any publication except for a handful of somewhat obscure books and articles which have been published over the years. These few books and articles written concerning them over the past 50 years contain much information which is conjecture, speculation, and controversial. Many world class experts do not agree even today with each other's statements as to what is, what isn't, and even if the coin should be considered a Proof or Specimen coin. However, with the advent of certified coin encapsulation many of these coins have found their way into slabs which has brought about the additional certified grade of 'Specimen,' or 'SP.' A good number of these 'so-called' branch mint Proofs have been identified as Specimens. Some issues with a population greater than a single coin, have been slabbed under both specifications, Proof and Specimen by both PCGS and NGC (ANACS has also certified branch mint Proof and Specimen coins). This only adds to the speculation and conjecture that all expert numismatics do not always agree, even when a coin has been certified, but of course this is nothing new.

The earliest generally recognized proof coinage from the US mint in Philadelphia is dated 1817 but the general distribution of proofs from Philadelphia didn't began until 1857 at which time accurate records were kept. Prior to 1857 the proofs executed at the Philadelphia mint were random and have a very small mintage, although most years and denominations were produced. Generally these early proofs were created to be given to dignitaries or early collectors who had connections directly with the mint. The Philadelphia mint possessed a large, high -pressure medal press which many of these early proofs were struck on. Also being the 'Mother Mint' most of the expertise required to manufacture proofs existed only in Philadelphia. Therefore the expertise needed for manufacturing proof coinage at San Francisco, New Orleans, Carson City and Denver relied on mint employees who seldom or never created proofs and in most cases were far from experts. This is one of the main reasons that the Proofs and Specimens created at these branch mints were not quite up to the quality and standards at Philadelphia, but there are some that are quite amazing. So amazing in fact is the 1855-S $3 Proof that one could easily identify as a Philadelphia issue until the coin is turned over and the 'S' mintmark observed. Coins which do not quite measure up to this coin but are still special is the primary reason that many of these branch mint coins, or what is presently called presentation strikings or Specimen coinage, receive the grade of 'SP' or 'Specimen.' In examining many of these coins it is clear that much more care was spent in creating them than just the exceptional business strike which may have been one of the first coins struck with new dies and fortuitously received special care over the last century. This is extremely evident in the Morgan dollar series. There are many 'Proof-like' and 'Cameo' coins which to many may appear to be proofs. There are only four recognized proof branch mint Morgan dollars which have documentation relating to their striking. A fifth date has just been recognized, the 1881-O which is pictured on the front page of this MintMaster. These are the 1879-O; 1883-O; 1893-CC and 1921-S. In his book 'The Morgan Dollar and Peace Dollar Textbook" Wayne Miller goes on to further define proof or possible proof Morgan dollars under five classes. The other branch mint Proof or Specimen Morgan's are recognized for what they are but the reason for their creation is a matter of speculation rather than any hard documentation.

The existence, or lack of documentation for branch mint proofs has been widely researched, some have reasons for their creation which were documented, some have events which are speculated to have led to their creation, while others have little or no reason as to why they were struck. As far as the certified coins, both PCGS and NGC have used Proof and Specimen while referring to these coins. In fact, some dates have been certified with both specifications which only helps further the conjecture and speculation regarding these coins. The ANACS has also certified branch mint proofs using both designations. On page 1 of this article there is a list is as complete as possible when I wrote my book of presently recognized branch mint proof and specimen coinage. The definition or criteria for a coin to receive either a Specimen or Proof designation is in reality a moving target. As stated, the identification of these coins is quite open to interpretation and not all experts agree. Essentially the basic criteria for a proof coin is one that has been struck twice, both the dies and planchet have been specially prepared

and polished, the rims are usually squared or possibly have a wire rim, and the details are far superior to a normal strike due to heavier striking pressure, multiple strikes, and the specially prepared dies or all of the above. Generally the closer the branch mint proof mimics these features the more likely it will receive a Proof designation. If for some reason any of the above details are weak, incomplete or missing but there is significant evidence that the result is conclusive that there were special efforts in striking the coin, it may very well be awarded a Specimen or SP designation. One additional visual effect of proof coins is that the lettering and devices appear to float on top of the field rather than just rise up above the field. Compare a modern proof with an uncirculated example and this is relatively easy to identify. As with just about everything, there are exceptions to all the above rules. One example is the 1921-S Zerbe Morgan dollar which has been called both a Proof and a Specimen. This coin can be very special looking but may not look much better than a Proof-Like Morgan struck in the 1800's. In fact many people don't feel that this coin is a Proof at all as some examples appear that there was very little special preparation taken in striking this coin.

In summary, branch mint Proof and Specimen coinage is something amazing to behold. Many are beautiful while other are examples of historic events at various mints such at the opening or closing of a facility, first coinage of a type struck, or anyone's guess as to why someone decided to create a special coin. More importantly, is the fact that many of these coins survived. Just imagine what didn't survive.

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For those of you who subscribe to Coin World and know of their recent problems publishing their weekly edition I recently received this from them. Once again both monthly and weekly editions should soon appear in your mailbox.

Thank you for your patience in waiting for Coin World weekly magazine to resume printing.

We're writing to share good news with you. Coin World weekly is set to **resume printing with the April 21st issue**. You can expect to receive your copy by mail during the week of April 21st.

As previously communicated, we've extended your subscription proportionately to account for the lapse in printing:

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CIRCULATING COIN SURVEYS FROM THE LATE 1930'S

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The following several pages are from the Numismatic Scrapbook magazine printed in 1938 and 1939. It shows a large sampling of coinage in circulation in 1937 and exactly what coins could be found in pocket change. Note that many rarities today were also absent from pocket change back then.

NICKELS IN CIRCULATION

(A survey of 5,000 pieces in the Tri-city area.)

Compiled by Dr. J. R. Schneider

Shield 1883	0		
No Cen 1883	4		
Cents 1883	0		
1884	3	1915 D	10
1885	0	1916	106
1886	0	1916 S	8
1887	1	1916 D	22
1888	1	1917	110
1889	7	1917 S	1
1890	4	1917 D	14
1891	7	1918	105
1892	7	1918 S	14
1893	9	1918 D	17
1894	3	1919	151
1895	7	1919 S	16
1896	6	1919 D	21
1897	21	1920	188
1898	17	1920 S	16
1899	34	1920 D	32
1900	34	1921	22
1901	49	1921 S	1
1902	57	1923	122
1903	44	1923 S	14
1904	32	1924	62
1905	58	1924 S	5
1906	85	1924 D	13
1907	87	1925	122
1908	60	1925 S	20
1909	27	1925 D	17
1910	73	1926	178
1911	91	1926 S	1
1912	63	1926 D	15
1912 S	0	1927	157
1912 D	25	1927 S	6
1913 Ty I	39	1927 D	22
1913 Ty II	12	1928	107
1913 Ty I S	3	1928 S	13
1913 Ty II S	0	1928 D	30
1913 Ty I D	6	1929	100
1913 Ty II D	3	1929 S	10
1914	26	1929 D	46
1914 S	5	1930	43
1914 D	2	1930 S	3
1915	41	1931 S	1
1915 S	2	1934	55
1934 D	35	1936 S	7
1935	125	1936 D	60
1935 S	5	1937	260
1935 D	59	1937 S	0
1936	678	1937 D	10
Buffalo no MM or date	154		
No date P mint	362		
No date S mint	31		
No date D mint	131		
No date Liberty	14		

The inscription "Novae Sueciae Suecia Memor" on the new commemorative issued by Sweden for the American Swedish-Delaware celebration means "Sweden Mindful of New Sweden."

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1859 Uncirculated	1.50	1859 Proof	2.00
1861 Uncirculated	2.50	1861 Proof	5.00
1883 Uncirculated	.60	1883 Proof	.80
1925 Unc.	11c	1935 D Unc.	3c
1929 S Unc.	9c	1936 Unc.	3c
1930 Unc.	4c	1936 S Unc.	3c
1930 S Unc.	10c	1936 D Unc.	3c
1934 Unc.	5c	1937 Unc.	2c
1934 D Unc.	9c	1937 S Unc.	2c
1935 Unc.	3c	1937 D Unc.	3c
1935 S Unc.	3c		

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Dr. J. Robert Schneider's survey of 5,000 nickels found in circulation was published in The Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine *for April 1938. Note how many Liberty Head Nickels were then still circulating and how many Buffalo Nickels were already dateless.*

CENTS IN CIRCULATION

(In Tri-city area—Rock Island Moline and Davenport.)

Compiled by Dr. J. R. Schneider

	Total	1st 10,000	2nd 10,000
1909	147	74	73
1909 vdb	28	13	15
1909 S vdb	0	0	0
1909 S	3	0	3
1910	354	167	187
1910 S	10	5	5
1911	259	128	131
1911 S	6	3	3
1911 D	29	13	16
1912	150	69	81
1912 S	9	6	3
1912 D	23	12	11
1913	158	67	91
1913 S	3	3	0
1913 D	43	18	25
1914	156	69	87
1914 S	8	3	5
1914 D	3	1	2
1915	50	24	26
1915 S	7	4	3
1915 D	66	35	31
1916	329	164	165
1916 S	70	34	36
1916 D	140	72	68
1917	456	243	213
1917 S	69	33	36
1917 D	199	115	84
1918	769	399	370
1918 S	66	38	28
1918 D	180	97	83
1919	1208	603	605
1919 S	548	282	266
1919 D	243	127	116
1920	1029	538	491
1920 S	128	62	66
1920 D	249	127	122
1921	112	54	58
1921 S	29	16	13
1922 no mm	1	1	0
1922 D	29	18	11
1923	217	108	109
1923 S	16	6	10
1924	351	168	183
1924 S	18	8	10
1924 D	17	8	9
1925	476	250	226
1925 S	26	12	14
1925 D	107	57	50
1926	679	354	325
1926 S	4	3	1
1926 D	118	57	61
1927	767	372	395
1927 S	17	5	12
1927 D	137	82	55
1928	839	406	433
1928 S	24	15	9
1928 D	175	96	79
1929	1099	563	536
1929 S	56	30	26
1929 D	231	125	106
1930	807	405	402
1930 S	22	13	9
1930 D	304	156	148
1931	264	134	130
1931 S	1	0	1
1931 D	71	31	40
1932	66	26	40
1932 D	48	18	30
1933	12	6	6
1933 D	24	13	11
1934	1457	757	700
1934 D	135	65	70
1935	1531	744	787
1935 S	26	16	10
1935 D	165	83	82
1936	1641	821	820
1936 S	8	2	6
1936 D	79	38	41
1937	548	167	381
1937 S	0	0	0
1937 D	20	10	10
Bad dates	58	27	31
Canadian	9	4	5
Indians	13	7	6

Hoarding $1,000 Bills

Treasury officials say that some one must be hoarding $1,000 bills. Most denominations of currency decreased last year, but the $1,000 variety increased $23,000,000.

The Winnepig Numismatic Art Society is sponsoring a coin convention in that city for April 6th to 9th.

The results of Dr. J. Robert Schneider's search through 20,000 cents circulating in Illinois were published in the March 1938 issue of The Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine.

Dimes In Circulation

By Dr. J. Robert Schneider

(The survey was made over a period of ten months ended September 20, 1938 in the area of Rock Island, Illinois. 5000 specimens were used.)

1892	6	1907	36
1892 S	0	1907 S	5
1892 O	2	1907 O	6
1893 S	1	1907 D	2
1893 O	0	1908	18
1894	0	1908 S	10
1894 O	1	1908 O	1
1895	0	1908 D	15
1895 S	0	1909	18
1895 O	0	1909 S	4
1896	1	1909 O	3
1896 S	0	1909 D	1
1896 O	0	1910	20
1897	6	1910 S	2
1897 S	1	1910 D	4
1897 O	0	1911	41
1898	14	1911 S	6
1898 S	1	1911 D	22
1898 O	2	1912	52
1899	16	1912 S	5
1899 S	0	1912 D	29
1899 O	3	1913	47
1900	12	1913 S	0
1900 S	3	1914	45
1900 O	1	1914 S	5
1901	24	1914 D	27
1901 S	2	1915	18
1901 O	7	1915 S	2
1902	27	1916	41
1902 S	0	1916 S	11
1902 O	5	Mercury type	
1903	19	1916	64
1903 S	0	1916 S	42
1903 O	8	1916 D	1
1904	18	1917	198
1904 S	0	1917 S	77
1905	17	1917 D	37
1905 S	8	1918	98
1905 O	1	1918 S	70
1906	19	1918 D	52
1906 S	5	1919	131
1906 O	3	1919 S	28
1906 D	9	1919 D	39
1920	225	1929 S	12
1920 S	59	1929 D	45
1920 D	75	1930	10
1921	9	1930 S	3
1921 D	3	1931	15
1923	236	1931 S	8
1923 S	25	1931 D	7
1924	117	1934	89
1924 S	26	1934 D	54
1924 D	33	1935	363
1925	155	1935 S	28
1925 S	22	1935 D	99
1925 D	34	1936	567
1926	144	1936 S	12
1926 S	6	1936 D	101
1926 D	43	1937	261
1927	143	1937 S	5
1927 S	23	1937 D	26
1927 D	26	Canadian	6
1928	104	Poor date:	
1928 S	25	Liberty	7
1928 D	24	Mercury	36
1929	112		

HONG KONG ISSUE

A new George VI design for the nickel 10 cents and 5 cents of Hong Kong were issued in 1937. The piece illustrated is the 10 cent denomination and the 5 cent bears the same design.

$30 Every Thursday Sued for $50,000

Ham & Eggs, Inc., a restaurant nearby the pension headquarters of the "$30 every Thursdays plan" filed suit against the sponsors of the plan. Damage to extent of $50,000 is sought by the plantiff who charges that patrons, mistaking the restaurant for pension headquarters, have boycotted the eating place.

Dr. J. Robert Schneider surveyed some 5,000 dimes that were circulating in the area of Rock Island, Illinois from December 1937 through September 1938, and his findings were published in The Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine, *November 1938.*

Quarters in Circulation

By Dr. J. R. Schneider

(A survey of 5,000 specimens in Rock Island, Illinois, over a period of ten months.)

1876 S	1	1907	54
1892	29	1907 S	5
1892 S	5	1907 O	19
1892 O	1	1907 D	8
1893	16	1908	29
1893 S	3	1908 S	1
1893 O	6	1908 O	49
1894	8	1908 D	33
1894 S	3	1909	61
1894 O	4	1909 S	12
1895	17	1909 O	2
1895 S	2	1909 D	34
1895 O	7	1910	11
1896	21	1910 D	7
1896 S	0	1911	25
1896 O	2	1911 S	2
1897	37	1911 D	8
1897 S	2	1912	38
1897 O	4	1912 S	2
1898	47	1913	4
1898 S	5	1913 S	0
1898 O	9	1913 D	7
1899	73	1914	50
1899 S	0	1914 S	3
1899 O	9	1914 D	22
1900	40	1915	30
1900 S	6	1915 D	30
1900 O	9	1915 S	4
1901	24	1916	19
1901 S	0	1916 D	54
1901 O	2	Standing Liberty	
1902	45	1916 I	0
1902 S	5	1917 I	8
1902 O	10	1917 II	2
1903	37	1917 S I	1
1903 S	2	1917 S II	0
1903 O	12	1917 D I	4
1904	45	1917 D II	0
1904 O	8	1918	2
1905	29	1918 S	3
1905 S	6	1918 D	1
1905 O	8	1919	1
1906	32	1919 S	0
1906 O	12	1919 D	2
1906 D	9	1920	6
1920 S	2	1935	411
1920 D	1	1935 S	21
1921	0	1935 D	87
1923	16	1936	440
1923 S	0	1936 S	7
1924	7	1936 D	50
1924 S	0	1937	46
1924 D	2	1937 S	0
1925	129	1937 D	16
1926	129	Canadian	10
1926 S	31	Worn Lib. Head:	
1926 D	19	P	13
1927	102	S	1
1927 S	6	O	9
1927 D	14	D	0
1928	62	No date or mint	19
1928 S	28		
1928 D	37	Worn Stand. Lib.:	
1929	86	Type I	
1929 S	9	P	61
1929 D	29	S	7
1930	32	D	11
1930 S	15	Type II	
Washington		P	790
1932	36	S	271
1932 S	0	D	226
1932 D	7	No date or mint:	
1934	243	Type I	6
1934 D	61	Type II	90

S. M. Koeppel, Los Angeles dealer, has been appointed Western distributor for Raymond's accessories.

The Dec. 31 issue of "The Publishers Auxiliary" carried a picture of Nelson T. Thorson, Omaha collector. The story was in connection with the 55th anniversary of his newspaper.

Dayton Museum To Display Coins

The coin collection belonging to the public museum which was stolen and recovered two years ago is now being attributed and properly labeled by the Dayton Coin Club. Members of the club have been asked to give some of their time and the loan of books to aid in the work.

Prof. Metzger, curator of the museum, is arranging special days for display. —Luther Whitt.

Schneider's 1938 survey of quarters circulating in Illinois was very revealing. Note that of the 1,530 Standing Liberty pieces from the 1916-24 period a mere 58 still had readable dates! His results were published in the January 1939 Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine.

Promptness Prize: 1971 s Proof 5 cent slab
Junior Prize: 1869 Shield Nickel
Member Prize: 1928 D series 2 $ note

1- 1988 Silver Maple leaf
2- 2013 W Silver Comm. dollar
3- Sterling round Silver
4- 1886 Morgan Silver Dollar
5- 1913 T2 Buffalo nickel
6- 1986 S clad proof comm. half
7- Sterling round silver
8- 1902 O Morgan Dollar
9- 2008 Silver Bald Eagle dollar

Buy of the month—TBA

Thanks to Bruce Griggs our curator for this months prizes

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COIN QUIZ

MODERN COINS

1. What was the last date SBA dollars were issued?

   A. 2007 B. 2008

   ` C. 2009 D, 2010

2. What was the last year Presidential dollars were struck for circulation?

   A, 2010 B. 2011

   C. 2012 D. 2020

3. What was the last date Presidential dollars were struck?

   A. 2016 B. 2019

   C2020 D. 2022

4. Native American dollars were first struck in what year?

   A. 2008 B. 2009

   C. 2012 D. 2013

5. Which year were the modern Morgan and Peace dollars not struck?

   A. 2021 B. 2022

   C. 2023 D. 2024

6. Which years mint set contained the highest number of coins?

   A. 2008 B. 2009

   C. 2010 . D. 2015

7. What was the largest number of coins ever included in a Mint Set?

   A. 28 B. 32

   C. 36 D. 44

UNS 2025 Monthly Schedule

May **UNS Birthday** **Bourse**	**June** **Youth Night—Dave Andrews** **NUTS Coin Show**	**July** **Picnic**	**August** **Speaker—TBA** **Treasure Hunt—Metal Decting**
September **Auction**	**October** **UNS Coin Show** **Speaker—TBA**	**November** **Speaker—TBA**	**December** **Christmas Dinner**

The By-Laws were amended to verify that incoming Officers and Board members would be sworn in during our December Holiday meeting after our biannual elections. #

NEW MEMBERS

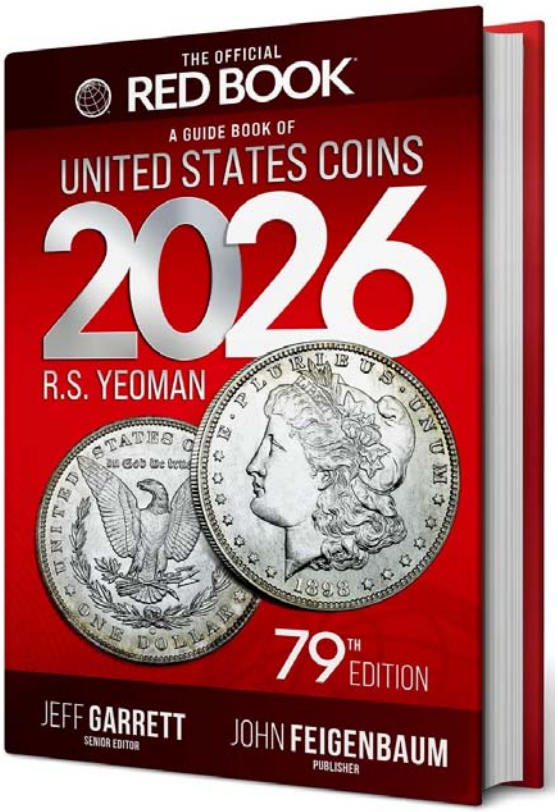
None Reported

BOOK REVIEW

Doug Nyholm

2026 RED BOOK

The new Red Book is here. When I first saw the notice for the redesigned Red Book format I was concerned as for 78 years it was basically the same in format, look, and design. My personal library contains all 78 issues and I love the Red Book as part of my coin collecting hobby and it really is a one-stop bible for our hobby. How was this new book going to look in my library and what is being changed. Well upon receipt of the new edition I was truly taken aback and couldn't put it down flipping through every page several times to take in all the significant and positive changes. Bottom line, I really like what they have done and would advise every collector that if they only every couple of years purchase a new copy that everyone immediately acquire this new edition.



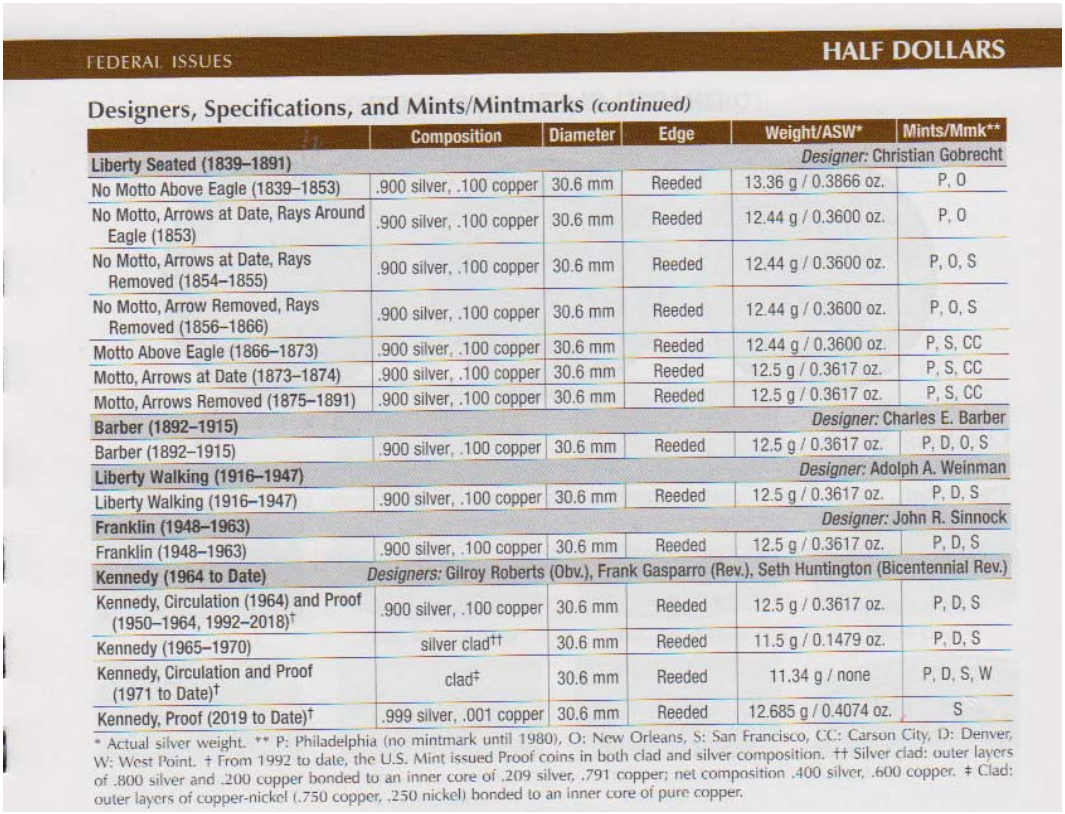
I would like to comment on a few of the changes all of which I believe significantly add to the usefulness of this book.

1. The format is for the first time in 79 years changed to a slightly larger book. The old Red Books measured 7 1/2x 5 1/4 inches. The 79th edition is larger at 9x6.
2. The page count is actually slightly less than the 2025 edition at 448 pages vs. last years 472. There is however more information included due to the larger format.
3. There are separate tables at the end of the circulation tables that are for Proof issues which are also listed in three grades, PF-60, PF-63 and PF-65.
4. Also listed separately are tables for Mercury Dimes with FSB or Full Split Bands and their values. Also Standing Liberty Quarters with FH or Full heads and finally Franklin Halves with FBL or Full Bell Lines. All with values listed in multiple grades.

5. With the association between Whitman and the Gray Sheet each coin in the value table has included an added column entitled GSID which contains the "Gray Sheet Catalog ID." This number can be referenced directly by graysheet.com/GSID and can be used in conjunction with your CDN subscription.
6. The 1964 Special Mint Set pricing has been added to the listing.
7. Silver Eagles now have a column listing values for MS-70 examples.
8. California small denomination gold categorized by Breen-Gillio numbers now has a complete listing of all known 570+ varieties. They estimate that over 35,000 examples have survived.
9. There is a grading section in the beginning of the book but the individual grading tips for each type of coin has been deleted.
10. For each denomination there is a Type Coin value page for both circulation strikes and proof issues.
11. Also at the beginning of each denomination section the is a table for Desingers Specifications, Mints, and Mint Marks. This includes columns for Composition, Designer, Edge, Weight, and Mints.

The above and many more additions are all included in the New Red Book.

This is a great new edition and I highly recommend it to both novice and expert.



FEDERAL ISSUES — HALF DOLLARS

Designers, Specifications, and Mints/Mintmarks *(continued)*

	Composition	Diameter	Edge	Weight/ASW*	Mints/Mmk**
Liberty Seated (1839–1891)				*Designer:* Christian Gobrecht	
No Motto Above Eagle (1839–1853)	.900 silver, .100 copper	30.6 mm	Reeded	13.36 g / 0.3866 oz.	P, O
No Motto, Arrows at Date, Rays Around Eagle (1853)	.900 silver, .100 copper	30.6 mm	Reeded	12.44 g / 0.3600 oz.	P, O
No Motto, Arrows at Date, Rays Removed (1854–1855)	.900 silver, .100 copper	30.6 mm	Reeded	12.44 g / 0.3600 oz.	P, O, S
No Motto, Arrow Removed, Rays Removed (1856–1866)	.900 silver, .100 copper	30.6 mm	Reeded	12.44 g / 0.3600 oz.	P, O, S
Motto Above Eagle (1866–1873)	.900 silver, .100 copper	30.6 mm	Reeded	12.44 g / 0.3600 oz.	P, S, CC
Motto, Arrows at Date (1873–1874)	.900 silver, .100 copper	30.6 mm	Reeded	12.5 g / 0.3617 oz.	P, S, CC
Motto, Arrows Removed (1875–1891)	.900 silver, .100 copper	30.6 mm	Reeded	12.5 g / 0.3617 oz.	P, S, CC
Barber (1892–1915)				*Designer:* Charles E. Barber	
Barber (1892–1915)	.900 silver, .100 copper	30.6 mm	Reeded	12.5 g / 0.3617 oz.	P, D, O, S
Liberty Walking (1916–1947)				*Designer:* Adolph A. Weinman	
Liberty Walking (1916–1947)	.900 silver, .100 copper	30.6 mm	Reeded	12.5 g / 0.3617 oz.	P, D, S
Franklin (1948–1963)				*Designer:* John R. Sinnock	
Franklin (1948–1963)	.900 silver, .100 copper	30.6 mm	Reeded	12.5 g / 0.3617 oz.	P, D, S
Kennedy (1964 to Date)	*Designers:* Gilroy Roberts (Obv.), Frank Gasparro (Rev.), Seth Huntington (Bicentennial Rev.)				
Kennedy, Circulation (1964) and Proof (1950–1964, 1992–2018)†	.900 silver, .100 copper	30.6 mm	Reeded	12.5 g / 0.3617 oz.	P, D, S
Kennedy (1965–1970)	silver clad††	30.6 mm	Reeded	11.5 g / 0.1479 oz.	P, D, S
Kennedy, Circulation and Proof (1971 to Date)†	clad‡	30.6 mm	Reeded	11.34 g / none	P, D, S, W
Kennedy, Proof (2019 to Date)†	.999 silver, .001 copper	30.6 mm	Reeded	12.685 g / 0.4074 oz.	S

* Actual silver weight. ** P: Philadelphia (no mintmark until 1980), O: New Orleans, S: San Francisco, CC: Carson City, D: Denver, W: West Point. † From 1992 to date, the U.S. Mint issued Proof coins in both clad and silver composition. †† Silver clad: outer layers of .800 silver and .200 copper bonded to an inner core of .209 silver, .791 copper; net composition .400 silver, .600 copper. ‡ Clad: outer layers of copper-nickel (.750 copper, .250 nickel) bonded to an inner core of pure copper.

Circulation Strikes, Full Bell Lines

	GSID	MS-63	MS-65	MS-66	MS-67
1948	6789	$55	$100	$275	$1,500
1948-D	6821	50	95	215	4,500
1949	6791	65	95	290	5,500
1949-D	6823	60	220	900	24,000
1949-S	6825	160	340	525	3,250
1950	6793	60	130	405	3,250
1950-D	6827	60	190	750	14,500
1951	6795	27	180	470	5,500
1951-D	6829	55	130	405	10,000
1951-S	6833	—	310	650	4,250
1952	6797	—	95	200	1,100
1952-D	6835	28	100	405	8,250
1952-S	6837	215	775	1,150	9,500
1953	6799	75	625	1,250	23,000
1953-D	6839	27	85	310	11,000
1953-S	6841	12,000	31,000	50,500	84,000
1954	6801	27	55	310	6,250
1954-D	6843	27	75	340	8,250
1954-S	6845	50	155	650	4,750
1955	6803	31	85	195	4,100
1956	6805	27	55	120	850
1957	6807	27	95	155	850
1957-D	6847	27	55	120	1,100
1958	6809	27	85	120	1,450
1958-D	6849	27	55	120	850
1959	6811	27	65	725	12,500
1959-D	6851	27	70	345	5,000
1960	6813	27	120	500	15,500
1960-D	6853	27	195	1,300	24,000
1961	6815	50	675	4,750	30,000
1961-D	6855	38	435	2,000	30,000
1962	6817	90	650	5,000	30,000
1962-D	6857	30	285	1,500	30,000
1963	6819	215	1,100	7,500	24,000
1963-D	6859	27	130	775	15,000

1961, Doubled Die Reverse

Proof Strikes

	Mintage	GSID	PF-63	PF-65
1950	51,386	6860	$375	$495
1951	57,500	6864	260	305
1952	81,980	6867	130	170
1953	128,800	6870	90	100
1954	233,300	6873	55	70
1955	378,200	6876	50	60
1956, Variety 1	669,384	6882	55	70
1956, Variety 2	*	6879	27	40
1957	1,247,952	6885	26	31
1958	875,652	6888	31	35
1959	1,149,291	6891	23	27
1960	1,691,602	6894	23	27
1961	3,028,244	6897	23	27
1961, Doubled Die Reverse	*	6900	1,400	2,750
1962	3,218,019	6903	23	27
1963	3,075,645	6906	23	27

* Included in number above.

Type Coin Values: Circulation Strikes *(continued)*

	GSID	G-4	VG-8	F-12	VF-20	EF-40	AU-50	MS-60	MS-63	MS-65
Franklin (1948–1963)	76527	—	$18.50	$18.50	$18.50	$19	$20	$20	$23	$32
Same, Full Bell Lines	76528	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	27	55
Kennedy, Silver (1964)	24983	—	—	—	—	—	19	19	20	29

Type Coin Values: Proof Strikes

	GSID	PF-60	PF-62	PF-63	PF-64	PF-65	PF-66	PF-67
Liberty Seated, No Motto Above Eagle (1839–1866), Proof	74065	$850	$1,250.00	$1,600	$2,250	$3,250	$6,250	$15,000
Same, Proof Cameo	74066	—	1,750.00	2,100	3,000	5,000	8,750	26,500
Same, Proof Deep Cameo	74067	—	—	—	6,500	10,500	30,000	—
Liberty Seated, Arrows at Date, Rays Around Eagle (1853), Proof	76202	39,000	60,000.00	90,000	120,000	192,000	240,000	—
Same, Proof	76203	9,000	12,000.00	14,500	23,000	36,000	45,500	66,000
Same, Proof Cameo	76204	—	—	—	27,500	42,000	55,000	78,000
Liberty Seated, Motto Above Eagle (1866–1891), Proof	74068	775	1,000.00	1,250	1,500	2,200	3,100	6,000
Same, Proof Cameo	74069	—	1,100.00	1,300	1,700	2,750	3,500	7,500
Same, Proof Deep Cameo	74070	—	—	2,000	3,100	5,500	7,500	26,500
Liberty Seated, Arrows at Date (1873–1874), Proof	74071	1,100	1,500.00	2,000	3,250	7,500	16,000	33,000
Same, Proof Cameo	74072	—	1,650.00	2,200	3,600	8,250	17,500	36,000
Same, Proof Deep Cameo	74073	—	—	—	—	—	42,000	54,000
Barber Half Dollar (1892–1915), Proof	74062	675	850.00	1,050	1,250	1,650	2,400	4,000
Same, Proof Cameo	74063	850	1,150.00	1,500	2,100	2,600	3,000	5,250
Same, Proof Deep Cameo	74064	—	1,750.00	2,400	3,600	4,900	6,250	9,500
Liberty Walking (1916–1947), Proof	77708	285	340.00	365	390	430	575	825
Franklin (1948–1963), Proof	213894	20	22.00	23	24	27	30	38
Same, Proof Cameo	213895	—	23.00	24	30	36	45	60
Same, Proof Deep Cameo	213896	—	—	27	34	55	90	175
Kennedy, Silver (1964), Proof	376570	16	17.50	19	19	20	24	32

Designers, Specifications, and Mints/Mintmarks

	Composition	Diameter	Edge	Weight/ASW*	Mints/Mmk**
Flowing Hair (1794–1795)			*Designer:* Uncertain, engraved by Robert Scot		
Flowing Hair (1794–1795)	.8924 silver, .1076 copper	approx. 32.5 mm	FIFTY CENTS OR HALF A DOLLAR with decorations between words	13.48 g / 0.3868 oz.	P
Draped Bust (1796–1807)			*Designer:* Probably Gilbert Stuart, engraved by Robert Scot		
Small Eagle Reverse (1796–1797)	.8924 silver, .1076 copper	approx. 32.5 mm	FIFTY CENTS OR HALF A DOLLAR with decorations between words	13.48 g / 0.3868 oz.	P
Heraldic Eagle Reverse (1801–1807)	.8924 silver, .1076 copper	approx. 32.5 mm		13.48 g / 0.3868 oz.	P
Capped Bust (1807–1836)			*Designers:* John Reich (Lettered Edge), Christian Gobrecht (Reeded Edge)		
Lettered Edge (1807–1836)	.8924 silver, .1076 copper	approx. 32.5 mm	*1807–1814:* FIFTY CENTS OR HALF A DOLLAR; *1814–1831:* Star added between DOLLAR and FIFTY; *1832–1836:* Vertical lines added between words	13.48 g / 0.3868 oz.	P
Reeded Edge (1836–1839)	.900 silver, .100 copper	30 mm	Reeded	13.36 g / 0.3866 oz.	P, O

* Actual silver weight. ** P: Philadelphia (no mintmark), O: New Orleans.

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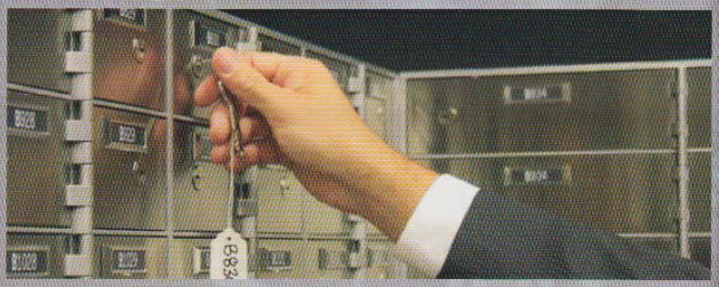

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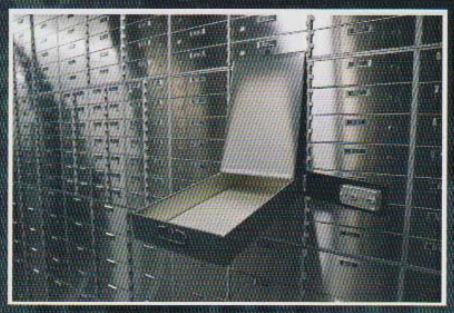

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

I hate computers (sometimes). After doing the UNS MintMaster for over a decade (200+ issues) I was informed by Microsoft that they will be discontinuing Publisher. Everyone is being directed to MS Word but using it for graphic newsletters will require a significant learning curve. I have a year to convert so I have started rather than wait until the last minute.

Secondly I recently converted from Xfinity internet to Google gigabit fiber and for the most part have the bugs worked out.

Now I am having Page 1 graphic on the May MintMaster refusing to print. Any volunteers to take over publishing and editing the UNS MintMaster? It only takes MS Office, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe PDF Pro, VuePrint, a flatbed scanner and a color laser printer with high speed internet. Yes, I occasionally hate computers and IT and would sometimes like to throw my laptop out the window.

On the positive side I recently attended the Ogden coin show and was very pleased with the new venue. Wide aisles and seemingly a few more dealers. I found the one coin I was looking for and purchased the only one on the floor, a 2024 Silver Eagle with the "Star Privy" mark in a NGC MS-70 holder. I don't really collect silver eagles or modern coins but thought this coin has upward potential, we will see.

Finally, another coin I have never owned is an ancient Electrum. I've always been fascinated with Electrum coins as they are indeed the first coinage in the world dating back to 660 BC in Ionia and Lydia. I have wanted to add a book about Electrum coins to my library, and have been hesitant as what few books are available on the subject are quite expensive ($100-$300) and I have not purchased such a book sight unseen. I found such a book at the Ogden show entitled "Electrum and The Invention of Coinage" by Joseph Linzalone for $95 which has extensive photos of the coins in color with a very informative text which is easy to read and understand. I will plan a review of it for next months issue.

That's my message for May and may all of your numismatic endeavors be successful.

Doug Nyholm

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